GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

Public Services – Revenue Department – Smt. P.Padmavathi, Dy. Collector and presently working as District Minority Welfare Officer, West Godavari District – Disciplinary proceedings initiated under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 on the allegations of irregularities in imposing penalty on a FP Shop Dealer and increase in renewal fee for authorization of FP Shop without proper verification of records - Articles of charge framed – Written Statement of Defence received – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE – I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1230 **Dated:13.11.2019**

Read the following:-

1. From the District Collector, West Godavari, Lr. Roc. No.81/VC/2019/A10, dated:31.08.2019.
2. G.O.Rt.No.1059, Revenue (Vig.I)Dept., dt. 23.10.2019.
3. From Smt. P.Padmavathi, former Tahsildar, Nallajerla and now District Minority Welfare Officer, West Godavari District, Written Statement of Defence dt. 24.10.2019.

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O R D E R:

In the G.O.2nd read above, disciplinary proceedings were initiated by framing the following Articles of Charge under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC & A) Rules 1991 against Smt. P.Padmavathi, Dy. Collector and presently working as District Minority Welfare Officer, West Godavari District on the allegations of irregularities committed by her while working as Tahsildar, Nallajerla, West Godavari district in imposing penalty on a FP Shop Dealer and increase in renewal fee for authorization of FP Shop without proper verification of records:-

Articles of Charge-1

Smt. P.Padmavathi, the then Tahsildar, Nallajerla West Godavari District and presently working as District Minorities Welfare Officer, West Godavari, Eluru has issued notice dated 16-9.2016 to the F.P.Shop Dealer No. 14. Smt. G.Kamala Kumari, W/o. Babji to pay an amount of Rs.43,500/-, which was imposed fine for restoration of authorization by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Eluru dated:27-01-2014 within 48 Hours. The dealer has already remitted an amount of Rs. 25,000/- by 2 Challans i.e. Rs. 15,000/- dt.20.01.2015 and Rs.10,000/- dt.13.04.2015 before the date of issue of the notice, but the Tahsildar has blatantly issued notice to the dealer for payment of Rs.43,500/- without due verification of the records, which is beyond all reasonable doubts. Thus, the act of the individual shows lack of integrity, devotion in discharging her legitimate duties.

Articles of Charge -2:-

Smt. P.Padmavathi, the then Tahsildar, Nallajerla West Godavari District and presently working as District Minorities Welfare Officer, West Godavari, Eluru, has issued endorsement Dt:13.03.2017 to pay an amount Rs. 500/- @ per year as renewal fee for a period of total nine years from 1.04.2008, to Smt. G.Kamala Kumari, Dealer No.275/2004-2005 without proper verification of the records though the renewal amount is Rs. 250/-. By that time of endorsement the dealer has renewed the authorization up to 31.03.2014 @ Rs.250/-. Thus, the individual has failed to discharge her legitimate duties and caused much inconvenience to the District Administration

2. In reply, the Charged Officer has submitted her Written Statement of defence vide her representation 3rd read above. In reply to Article of Charge-1, she stated that the Office file of Tahsildar did not have the details of the remittances made by the F.P. Shop Dealer; that the object of issuance of urgent notice No. 458/2016/D.T dt. 16.9.2016 was only to realize the penalized amount in good faith as ordered by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Eluru and; that if the FP Shop Dealer had paid any amounts, she should have not brought the same to her notice instead of submitting the same to the higher officials. In reply to Article of Charge-2, the Charged Officer stated that if the FP shop dealer has already remitted Renewal fee from 1-4-2008 instead of 1-4-2014 nothing prevented the dealer to represent the fact that the Renewal fee is only Rs.250/-; that the FP shop dealer is very irregular in paying the renewal fees; that the details of remittances made by FP Shop dealer from 2006 to 2012 were in different amounts in different dates which shows her gross negligence in paying the money to Government and; that with a good faith the F.P dealer was issued notice to pay renewal amount of Rs.500/- in order to help for speedy renewal to avoid delay.

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3. Government, after careful examination of the Written Statement of Defence submitted by Smt. P. Padmavathi, Deputy Collector and presently working as District Minority Welfare Officer, West Godavari District, have decided to drop further action against her in this matter.

4. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Smt. P. Padmavathi, Deputy Collector and presently working as District Minority Welfare Officer, West Godavari District, in this matter.

5. The Chief Commissioner and Land Administration & Special Chief Secretary, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V. USHA RANI
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt. P. Padmavathi, Deputy Collector and presently working as District Minority Welfare Officer, West Godavari District (**Through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP., Vijayawada**).
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The District Collector, West Godavari.
The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh
The PS to Hon`ble Deputy Chief Minister (Revenue).
The PS to Secretary to Government (Revenue).
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh.
The Pay and Accounts officer, Andhra Pradesh,
The District Treasury Officer, West Godavari.
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// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER